In April 2000, the Government introduced a Bill, in the Rajya Sabha, to amend the CMN Act, 1973 to, *inter-alia*, allow Indian companies mining of coal for own consumption, sale or for any other purpose

Addition in production of Coal as a result of above dispensations would significantly reduce the gap between the demand and supply of Coal

Coal production in the country

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the demand of coal in the country is fully met by the domestic production,

(b) the details regarding the mine-wise production and the country's annual demand of coal, and

(c) the details of import of coal for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of mine-wise production for the year 2003-04 is as under

Open Cast Mines	298 412 million tonnes (Provisional)
Underground Mines	62 756 million tonnes (Provisional)

The demand of coal as finalized by Planning Commission for the year 2004-05 is 404 19 million tonnes

(c) The details of import of coal for the last three years is as under —

(figures in million tonnes)

2001-02	20 55
2002-03	23 26
2003-04 (Provisional)	21 50